



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Mark Dayton

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August 9, 2016

Mr. Joe Kelly
Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management
Minnesota Department of Public Safety
445 Minnesota Street, Suite #223
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Director Kelly:

Based upon supporting documents provided to me by the Department of Public Safety-Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, I have determined that damage in certain areas of Itasca County and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, resulting from severe thunderstorms and high winds on July 5, 2016, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant the use of the State Public Disaster Assistance fund, as described under Minn. Stat. §12B.

In order to provide state public disaster assistance, I hereby designate you as my authorized representative so that you may:

- allocate such amounts as you find necessary for state disaster assistance from funds available for these purposes;
- provide public assistance in the designated area; and
- provide additional assistance if requested by a local government; and warranted by the results of further damage assessments, to the extent allowable under Minn. Stat. §12B.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

Mark Dayton
Governor

Cc: Commissioner Ramona Dohman, MN Department of Public Safety
Commissioner Myron Frans, MN Department of Management and Budget
Mr. Rusty Eichorn, Itasca County Board Chair
Ms. Irene C. Koski, Itasca County Administrator
Mr. Marlyn Halvorson, Itasca County Emergency Management Director
Mr. Faron Jackson Sr., Chairman, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Mr. Arthur LaRose, Secretary/Treasurer, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Mr. Duane Oothoudt, Emergency Operations Manager, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe